

Activity Descriptions

Ranger on the Rock

Beginning June 14th, from 6:30PM to 7:45PM nightly except Mondays, discuss the superb views from the rim at Grandview and the resources of the New River Gorge. A Ranger has binoculars and brochures to share with those who stop by the Main Overlook for an evening visit and view.

Birding on the Rim

2 hours

Join in a walk through different bird habitats. Meet at Canyon Rim Visitor Center to caravan to local birding spots for a leisurely stroll. The variety of birds seen depends on the season, weather conditions, and luck! Wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water for a morning of fun for both novices and seasoned birders.

Bluestone National Scenic River Walk

1½ hours – 2 miles

Meet a Ranger at the bottom of the tramway at Pipestem Resort State Park to walk within Bluestone National Scenic River for a mile and return. Along the way, enjoy the flora and fauna of the area and discuss a little regional history. Bring good walking shoes, drinking water, and \$1.50 for the return tram ride.

Explore the Night

1½ hours - ½ mile

Discover the wonders of the nocturnal world under the cover of darkness. Practice wildlife watching skills on an owl prowl and then go on a star search. Wear sturdy shoes and meet at Grandview Visitor Center.

Lost in the Woods

2 hours – 1 mile

Join a Ranger at Canyon Rim Visitor Center to view a video about what to do if you become lost in the woods. Then practice survival skills in the woods during a short hike on the Laing Loop Trail.

Activity Schedules by eMail

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Morning Birding at Grandview

1½ hours – 1 mile

Join a Ranger and friends at Grandview Visitor Center for a stroll around the park to look and listen to the birds of the area. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them (some will be available) and good walking shoes.

National Trails Day – Bluestone Turnpike Hike

5 hours – 8 miles

Celebrate National Trails Day by walking along the Bluestone River from Pipestem Resort State Park to Bluestone State Park. Please wear sturdy shoes; bring a lunch and water. A return shuttle will be provided by Pipestem Resort State Park; meet at the top of the tram.

National Trails Day – Sandstone Stroll

1½ hours – 1 mile

Stroll the islands of Sandstone Falls, getting to know one of the most unusual and dynamic environments of the gorge. Meet at the Sandstone Falls Boardwalk.

Ranger's Choice

Stop by the Main Overlook area at Grandview anytime between 2:30pm and 4:00pm to see displays and discuss topics ranging from fishing and water safety to birds or snakes. At this informal program, stay as little or as long as you like.

Recycling for Kids

1 hour

A Ranger demonstrates how everyday plastic and paper products can be recycled and made into useful items. The whole family will enjoy this “hands on” activity at Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

Touch of Kayaking

Come join a Ranger at Canyon Rim Visitor Center anytime between 2:30pm and 4:00pm to learn about basic kayaking equipment and techniques.

Touch of Nature

Learn about nature in the New River Gorge... mammals, birds, tracks, habitats, and much, much more! Stop by Canyon Rim Visitor Center anytime between 2:30 and 4:00pm to see what you can discover



SATURDAY, MAY 28

9:00AM Morning Birding - Grandview
10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort SP
2:30PM Touch of Nature - Canyon Rim

SUNDAY, MAY 29

2:30PM Touch of Nature - Canyon Rim

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

9:00AM Morning Birding - Grandview
10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort SP
10:00AM Lost in the Woods - Canyon Rim
2:00PM National Trails Day - Sandstone Stroll

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

10:00AM Bluestone Turnpike Hike
2:30PM Touch of Nature - Canyon Rim

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

8:00AM Birding on the Rim - Canyon Rim
10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort SP
2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview
8:30PM Explore the Night - Grandview

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

2:30PM Recycling for Kids - Canyon Rim

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

8:00AM Birding on the Rim - Canyon Rim
10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort SP

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

2:30PM Touch of Kayaking - Canyon Rim

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort SP
2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview
2:30PM Touch of Nature - Canyon Rim

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview
2:30PM Recycling for Kids - Canyon Rim

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Ranger Activities



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Join a park ranger for one of our variety of programs, activities, walks, or hikes. Ranger-led activities provide an opportunity to learn more about the natural world that surrounds us, and discover the history that shaped our culture.

Visitor Information

Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Open Daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Telephone: (304) 574-2115

Park Headquarters - Glen Jean

Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Telephone: (304) 465-0508

Thurmond Depot

Open Daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Telephone: (304) 465-8550

Grandview Visitor Contact Station

Open Daily, 12:00 NOON to 5:00 PM

Telephone: (304) 763-3715

Sandstone Visitor Center

Open Daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Telephone: (304) 466-0417



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